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NEW-LONDON
Year Ending March 1, 1861

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TOWN OF NEW-BRIDGES

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1861.

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1861.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

Ministerial Department.

| | |
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| Paid Micajah Morgan, Baptist Society, | \$49.96 |
| Asa Randlett, Christian Society, | 16.74 |
| Stephen Davis, Universalist Society, | 12.70 |
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| | \$79.40 |

School Department.

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| Paid District No. 1, James M. Pike, | \$75.14 |
| “ “ 2, John Williams, | 78.86 |
| “ “ 3, Ephraim G. Hastings, | 203.56 |
| “ “ 4, Samuel Shepard, | 114.71 |
| “ “ 5, William G. Nelson, | 112.30 |
| “ “ 6, Job Cross, | 62.96 |
| “ “ 7, Norman B. Adams, | 54.85 |
| Phinehas Messer, for Nathan Trow, | 2.76 |
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| | \$705.14 |

Town Debts and Expenses.

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| Paid Auditors, for 1859, | \$3.00 |
| G. Parker Lyon, for stationery, | .50 |
| Rufus Merrill, for stationery, | 2.26 |
| George W. Everett, for services, | 66.70 |
| Daniel Vose, for services on town farm, | 175.00 |
| George W. Gardner, school commissioner, | 12.20 |
| Luther M. Trussell, for land damages, | 150.00 |
| John M. Dow, “ “ | 172.00 |
| Evans Dow, “ “ | 25.00 |
| Nathaniel Knowlton, “ “ | 20.00 |
| James M. Peaslee, for building Bog road, | 591.89 |

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| Paid Thomas W. Nelson, for building Bog road, | 153.78 |
| Joshua Haines, " " | 46.50 |
| Stephen Messer, " " | 29.50 |
| Benjamin C. Davis, " " | 22.88 |
| Andrew J. Sargent, for F. Soldiers, | 68.00 |
| Royal A. Bunker, for amount of note, | 228.43 |
| Luther McCutchins, for cash paid pauper, | 8.00 |
| Israel Hunting, for laying out road, | 1.00 |
| County tax, | 595.43 |
| State tax, | 213.50 |
| Currier and Merrill, for damage to horse, | 23.00 |
| James Morgan, for one pair of oxen, | 75.00 |
| Horatio Merrill, school commissioner, | 12.20 |
| Charles Morgan, for collecting taxes, 1859, | 5.86 |
| Charles Morgan, for collecting taxes, 1860, | 70.00 |
| Anthony C. Burpee, town-clerk, | 7.00 |
| Horace Morgan, for digging graves, | 18.00 |
| James Morgan, selectman, | 20.42 |
| Asa B. Pillsbury, selectman, | 22.38 |
| Hugh B. Clough, for collecting taxes, 1857-58 | 5.77 |
| Luther McCutchins, services as selectman, | 55.50 |
| Due on bond, 1860, | 402.22 |
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| | \$3463.49 |

School-Houses.

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| Paid Luther McCutchins, for District No. 3, | 503.83 |
| Jona. G. Everett, " " 5, | 80.00 |
| William G. Nelson, " " 5, | 15.00 |
| Amos B. Currier, " " 1, | 10.00 |
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| | \$608.83 |

Pauper Bills.

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| Paid Josiah T. Sanborn, | \$20.00 |
| Samuel Shepard, for veal, | .85 |
| William Bates, for shoeing oxen, | 2.56 |
| Jacob Messer, for Mrs. Zaccheus Messer, | 25.00 |
| Dr. Manahan, for doctoring Mrs. S. Fales, | 14.50 |
| Josiah T. Sanborn, | 20.00 |
| John M. Dow, for shoeing oxen, | 1.00 |
| Edwin P. Burpee, for iron sap pan, | 4.62 |
| William B. Stearns, for potatoes, | 7.85 |

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| Paid Solomon M. Whipple, for services, | 7.00 |
| Town farm tax, | 20.37 |
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| | \$123.75 |

Highways and Bridges.

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| Paid Albert Little, for plank, | \$5.91 |
| Israel Hunting, | 1.50 |
| Amos Page, for repairing roads, | 4.66 |
| James M. Pike, for way marks, | 1.00 |
| Albert Morse, for plank, | .55 |
| Joshua D. Hemphill, for plank, | 2.27 |
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| | \$15.89 |

Abatement of taxes for 1859.

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| George A. Fassett, | \$1.45 |
| Daniel Sarden, | 1.62 |
| Non-resident highway taxes paid in work, | 1.50 |
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| | \$4.57 |

Breaking roads for 1859.

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| Paid Amos Hastings, | \$12.20 |
| Albert Morse, | 3.74 |
| Ebenezer H. Adams, | 2.01 |
| Henry W. Putney, | 15.82 |
| James Todd, | 6.14 |
| Samuel B. Philbrick, | 10.84 |
| Dustin Wilkins, | 3.82 |
| Joseph N. Hanaford, | 5.76 |
| George W. Craft, | 4.88 |
| Lewis A. W. Heath, | 7.04 |
| Ephraim Morrill, | 3.04 |
| Eben Knight, | 2.90 |
| Thomas S. Worthen, | 4.88 |
| Joseph H. Messer, | 4.05 |
| Jonathan G. Everett, | 4.08 |
| Amos B. Currier, | 8.46 |
| Enoch Messer, | 3.20 |
| Horace Morgan, | 3.50 |
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| | \$106.36 |

Abatement of Taxes for 1860.

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| John M. Dow, | 2.80 |
| John Currier, | 1.75 |
| William Todd, | 1.75 |
| J. B. Childs, | 1.62 |
| George A. Fassett, | 3.37 |
| James B. Fassett, | 1.62 |
| O. H. Key, | 1.62 |
| E. T. Lyford, | 1.62 |
| A. Van Ness Peck, | 1.62 |
| Charles Saward, | 1.62 |
| Joseph C. Gove, | 2.63 |
| Joseph C. Messer, | 2.25 |
| Nelson Stevens, | 3.82 |
| William Whittier, over paid, | 2.37 |
| Non-resident paid in labor, | .50 |

Amount charged, \$5,154.26

The Selectmen credit the town of New-London, for the year 1860, as follows :

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| Received by cash in the hands of Selectmen, 1859, | \$192.59 |
| list of taxes assessed, April, | 3,988.45 |
| Elil M. Chase, borrowed money, | 150.00 |
| Israel Hunting, interest on note, | 1.80 |
| John J. Sargent, interest on note, | 11.50 |
| State Treasurer, literary fund, | 63.60 |
| Adam Davis, money borrowed, | 100.00 |
| Asa B. Pillsbury, money borrowed, | 100.00 |
| Nathan Trow, school-house tax, | 14.79 |
| Ira Smith, money borrowed, | 55.00 |
| Stephen Sargent, interest on note, | 10.50 |
| Luther M. Trussell, money borrowed, | 200.00 |
| John M. Dow, money borrowed, | 250.00 |
| George W. Sargent, interest on note, | 10.50 |
| John J. Sargent, interest on note, | 4.39 |
| Charles Morgan, on bond, 1859, | 89.89 |
| Joseph N. Hanaford, highway tax paid in money, | 3.25 |
| State Treasurer, railroad tax, | 15.19 |

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| Received by Hugh B. Clough, on bond, 1857-8, from town farm, | 9.12 89.51 |
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| Amount received, | \$5,360.08 |
| Amount charged, | 5,154.26 |

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| Balance in the hands of Selectmen, | \$205.82 |
| Estimated as indebtedness of the town, | 3,100.00 |
| Means of paying the same, | 900.00 |

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| Indebtedness above the means of paying, | \$2,300.00 |
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| LUTHER McCUTCHINS, | } <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>New-London.</i> |
| ASA B. PILLSBURY, | |
| JAMES MORGAN, | |

NEW-LONDON, March 4, 1860.

This may certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen (as kept by Luther McCutchins) for the year 1860, and find them properly vouched, correctly cast, and the books well kept.

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| J. M. HAYES, | } <i>Auditors.</i> |
| E. G. HASTINGS, | |

Report of school-house taxes in the town of New-London for the year 1860.

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| District No. 3, amount assessed, | \$857.36 |
| Paid Luther McCutchins, agent, | 503.83 |
| Abated, | 12.68 |

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| Amount due the district, | \$340.85 |
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| District No. 5, amount assessed, | \$139.02 |
| Paid Jonathan G. Everett, | 80.00 |
| “ William G. Nelson, | 15.00 |
| Abated, | 4.45 |

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| Amount due the district, | \$39.57 |
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Schedule of Property on Town Farm, February 25th, 1861.

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| 1 pair oxen, | \$95.00 | 1½ lb. tea, | .75 |
| 1 three years old steer, | 15.00 | ½ bbl. soap, | 2.00 |
| 6 cows, | 110.00 | 1 iron sap pan, | 4.50 |
| 1 bull, | 15.00 | 2 grindstones, | 1.50 |
| 1 two years old, | 10.00 | 2 cooking stoves, | 28.00 |
| 3 yearlings, | 12.00 | 1 sled, | 4.00 |
| 11 tons English hay, | 132.00 | 1 cart, | 28.00 |
| 2 tons stock hay, | 16.00 | 2 plows, | 3.00 |
| 2 tons straw, | 10.00 | 1 harrow, | 2.00 |
| 2 shoters, | 20.00 | 1 drag, | 1.00 |
| 6 hens, | 1.50 | 1 beetle, | .50 |
| 10 bushels of oats, | 4.00 | 2 chains, | 2.00 |
| 45 bushels of wheat, | 50.00 | 2 ox-yokes, | 1.50 |
| ½ bushel of beans, | .50 | 3 axes, | 1.50 |
| 100 bushels of potatoes, | 30.00 | 85 sap buckets, | 5.00 |
| 1½ barrel of pork, | 30.00 | 1 set joiner tools, | 4.00 |
| ½ barrel of beef, | 6.00 | 1 auger, | .40 |
| 11 lbs. of ham, | 2.00 | 1 wheelbarrow, | 4.00 |
| 1 bbl. of cider and bbl., | 2.25 | Haying tools, | 2.50 |
| 18 lbs. butter, | 3.00 | 1 cheese press, | 1.00 |
| 22 lbs. dried apple, | .80 | 2 wood saws, | 1.00 |
| 25 lbs. lard, | 3.50 | Household furniture, | 60.00 |
| 2½ gallons of boiled cider, | .75 | Wearing apparel, | 8.00 |
| 45 lbs. cheese, | 3.60 | | |
| 50 lbs. flour, | 1.50 | | |
| ¼ bbl. apple sauce, | 1.00 | | |
| | | | <hr/> \$748.55 |

The Town Farm is credited for the year 1860, as follows :

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| By Greenwood & Burpee, | 31 lbs. butter, | \$5.58 |
| “ “ | 70 bushels of oats, | 28.00 |
| Oliver K. Russell & Co., | 34½ lbs. ham, | 4.31 |
| “ “ | 21½ lbs. turkey, | 2.37 |
| “ “ | 26 lbs. turkey, | 2.60 |
| “ “ | 16 lbs. chicken, | 1.60 |
| “ “ | 21 lbs. chicken, | 1.89 |
| “ “ | 25½ lbs. dried apple, | 1.02 |
| “ “ | 205 lbs. butter, | 34.17 |
| W. W. Hill, | 1 calf skin, | .68 |
| “ “ | 1 calf skin, | 1.21 |
| “ “ | ash lumber, | 1.00 |
| “ “ | for work, | .20 |

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| Amos Page, for loading hay, | .25 |
| E. G. Hastings, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. veal, | .50 |
| Austin Going, | .25 |
| Mrs. Hill, for eggs, | .26 |
| Joshua D. Hemphill, 40 gals. cider, | 1.16 |
| James Morgan, 1 cow hide, | 4.02 |
| James Craig, for keeping, | .75 |
| “ “ for keeping, | .70 |
| David Smith, 4 bushels oats, | 1.60 |
| William B. Stearns, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel oats, | .67 |
| Mason Fisher, for labor, | .75 |
| James Craig, for keeping, | 1.50 |
| James Peaslee, for bull, | 14.00 |
| Mr. Jameson, for oxen, | 87.50 |
| “ “ for pasturing steers, | 18.00 |
| James Nelson, for pasturing oxen, | 3.33 |
| James Morgan, for pasturing young cattle, | 5.25 |
| Daniel S. Seamans, 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels potatoes, | 17.42 |
| County paupers, | 37.71 |
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| | \$280.25 |

The Town Farm is charged for the year 1860, as follows :

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| Paid Greenwood & Burpee, amount of bill, | \$48.79 |
| Russell & Co., amount of bill, | 51.11 |
| Charles S. Sargent, amount of bill, | 23.42 |
| Benjamin C. Davis, for 1 peck of seed corn, | .33 |
| — Babbit, for shoes, | .50 |
| John Wetherspoon, for sowing wheat, | .34 |
| — Hill, for vinegar, | .25 |
| “ for crackers, | .20 |
| John Wetherspoon, for sowing wheat, | .25 |
| “ “ for saltpeter, | .07 |
| Samuel R. Pike, for labor, | 1.75 |
| Joshua D. Hemphill, 1 bushel corn, | 1.00 |
| “ “ $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel rye, | .63 |
| “ “ 1 bushel corn, | 1.00 |
| “ “ 1 bushel corn, | 1.00 |
| Amos B. Currier, for 10 bushels potatoes, | 2.00 |
| George W. Knowlton, for labor, | 4.50 |
| Giles Going, for labor, | 26.50 |
| Phillips, Messer, Colby & Co., for 1 grindstone, | 1.50 |
| David Smith, for labor, | 1.42 |

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| James Craig, 1 tin strainer pail, | .50 |
| “ “ 2 bake pans, | .25 |
| “ “ 3 milk pans, | .75 |
| “ “ 1 brass kettle, | 1.40 |
| “ “ 1 candlestick, | .10 |
| Joshua D. Hemphill, mending wash boiler, | .10 |
| “ “ 1 padlock, | .10 |
| “ “ 1 door lock, | .16 |
| Ruler Bates, 1 cider barrel, | 1.00 |
| Amos B. Currier, mill, making cider, | .45 |
| Timothy Quimby, filing saw, | .35 |
| Amos Hastings, mending boots, | .59 |
| Jacob B. Dole, coat for Lavak, | 5.00 |
| Thomas Chase, threshing grain, | 13.43 |

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| Amount charged, | \$190.74 |
| Amount of credit, | 280.25 |

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| Amount carried to town credit, | \$89.51 |
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Due the town for pasturing.

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| Charles Jewett, | \$4.00 |
| Ephraim Morrill, | 4.00 |
| Jacob Dole, | 2.00 |
| Michael Larden, | .80 |

\$10.80

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| LUTHER McCUTCHINS, | } <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>New-London.</i> |
| ASA B. PILLSBURY, | |
| JAMES MORGAN, | |

REPORT

OF THE SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE OF COMMON SCHOOLS, IN THE
TOWN OF NEW-LONDON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 12, 1861.

The summer school in District No. 1 was taught by Miss Lizzie B. Chadwick, ten weeks, and when visited by the committee, at the beginning of the term, appeared well. Sooner than we anticipated the school closed, consequently we did not visit it again. Whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, ten; one third of the advantages of the school lost by non-attendance.

In the winter term, taught by Mr. Henry Colby, the classes in arithmetic were well drilled, but due proficiency was not made by all in spelling. Number of scholars, fourteen; average attendance, eleven; loss by non-attendance, one fourth.

In District No. 2 the summer term was taught ten weeks by Miss Servilla C. Quimby, who is entitled to commendation for her assiduity and success. Whole number, sixteen; average, thirteen; loss by absence, one sixth.

The winter term of thirteen weeks was faithfully taught by Mr. Samuel C. Philbrick. Deeply interested in his work, laborious, and uniformly intent on maintaining good order and advancing the interests of his pupils, he accomplished a good service for the district. Number of scholars, twenty-nine; average attendance, twenty-two; loss by non-attendance, one fourth.

In District No. 3 the summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Martha Forsaith, who sustained her well-earned reputation for industry, thoroughness and success. Whole number, fifty; average attendance, forty-one; loss by non-attendance, about one fifth of the school.

Ten weeks of the winter term in this district were taught by Mr. James D. Gilchrist. At the expiration of his engagement, Mr. George R. Martin was engaged three and one half weeks, and gave good satisfaction.

In District No. 4, Miss Martha A. Shepherd taught during the summer term of nine weeks, both creditably to herself and profitably to the school. Whole number, eleven; loss by absence, two eleventh.

The winter term of eleven weeks was successfully conducted by Mr. John A. Eaton. The progress of the school in the several branches of study was excellent, though there was a slight drawback in the want of perfect good order. Whole number, twenty-nine; average, twenty-six; loss by absence, about one tenth.

In District No. 5 the summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Susan C. Craft, whose labors were arduous and untiring. Whole number of scholars, thirty-five; average attendance, twenty-five.

The winter term of ten weeks was taught by Mr. Charles A. Fowler, whose large experience and ample qualifications proved eminently advantageous to the school. The discipline was efficient, and the proficiency in all branches, particularly in spelling, commendable. Whole number of scholars, thirty-two, of whom, on an average, one fourth were absent.

In District No. 6 the summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Maria A. Nichols, who was quite successful, both in governing and instructing the school. Whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, thirteen.

The winter term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Diantha Abbott, a faithful, efficient and successful teacher. Whole number of scholars, eighteen; loss by non-attendance, one fifth.

Each term in this school has been short, but well managed.

In District No. 7 the school was taught, both in summer and winter, by Mrs. Maria A. Bunker, under whose judicious and thorough labors good progress has been made. Whole number in attendance, seventeen; loss by non-attendance, one third; length of terms, fourteen and one half weeks.

Your committee, in closing their report, desire to recommend that, in employing teachers, special care be taken to procure the best. They may demand higher wages, and thereby, in some instances, render it necessary to shorten the term; but, notwithstanding the abridgement of time, it is believed their services will be far more advantageous to the children who may be committed to their care. Let the teachers, moreover, receive the cordial coöperation of the parents, and not be weakened by their imprudent criticisms; and let no text-books which have not been legally recommended be introduced into school, and thus escape the growing evil of multiplying classes, and consuming unprofitably the time of the teachers.

LUCIAN HAYDEN, }
 EPHRAIM KNIGHT, } *Superintending*
 SAMUEL M. CARR, } *Committee.*

NEW-LONDON, March 12, 1861.

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